

SENATE BILL 731

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-2-101, relative to the time within which certain types of sexual offenses must be prosecuted.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-2-101, is amended by adding the following at the end of the section:

(i) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a prosecution for conduct engaged in or after July 1, 2007, that constitutes the offense of aggravated rape of a child under § 39-13-531; rape of a child under § 39-13-522, aggravated rape under § 39-13-502, rape under § 39-13-503, aggravated sexual battery under § 39-13-504, and sexual battery under § 39-13-506, shall be commenced within the applicable period of time otherwise established by this section or one (1) year after the date on which the identity of the accused is established through the analysis of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) evidence, whichever period of time is longer.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.